(b) if so, the details of investment and how BSNL is planning to achieve the top position in view of very stiff competition from private sector, particularly foreign companies coming into the country through acquisitions, JVs, etc.; and

(c) how BSNL is planning to pooling the above resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL has planned to invest over Rs. 60,000 crores in the areas of GSM Broadband and other telecom services by 2010.

(b) BSNL has following plan for investment in GSM, Broadband and other services:—

Year	Investment Plan (in Rs. Crores)
2008-09	29,000
2009-10	31,000

BSNL has not planned any acquisition up till now. However, it has forwarded a joint venture with MTNL namely M/s Millennium Telecom Limited.

(c) BSNL will mobilize the above resources from its internal accruals and borrowings from the market.

Postal stamps on eminent personalities of Orissa

†1817. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion adopted by Government for issuing postal stamps depicting pictures of great personalities, freedom fighters and eminent persons;

(b) whether centre has sought proposal on it from States;

(c) the number of eminent personalities featured in postal stamps issued so far; and

(d) whether any proposal to issue postal stamps featuring any great personality from Orissa is pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per the stamp issue policy on personalities, it should be of national or international importance. The occasion to be commemorated must be the birth centenary or 10th/25th/50th/100th death anniversary. The proposals fulfilling the norms are placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee for consideration and recommendations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) 569 commemorative postage stamps have been issued since 1947 on eminent personalities.

(d) 2 proposals to issue postage stamps featuring great personalities from Orissa are pending.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.